

## ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a viral vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding pigment epithelium-derived factor (PEDF) or a therapeutic fragment thereof. The nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to regulatory sequences necessary for expression of PEDF or a therapeutic fragment thereof. Preferably, the viral vector is an adenoviral vector or an adeno-associated viral vector. Also preferably, the viral vector further comprises one or more additional nucleic acid sequences encoding therapeutic substances other than PEDF.

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